

REMARKS

Claims 1-84 are pending. Claims 68-73 and 80 have been withdrawn and are now canceled herein. Claims 48, 50, 78, 79 have been cancelled. Also, claims 5, 12, 20, 30, and 49 have been canceled.

Additional claim fees for 4 additional independent claims are due, equaling \$800. Please charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

I. The allowable subject matter is respectfully accepted.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter at page 9 of the Office Action.

The allowable (now independent) claims are accepted as follows:

1= 1-5, claim 5 is canceled.

81= 1+81

83= 1+83

8= 8+12, claim 12 is canceled.

15= 8-15

82= 8+82

84= 8+84

16=16+20, claim 20 is canceled.

23= 23+30, claim 30 is canceled.

27= 23+27

46= 46+49, claim 49 is canceled.

The remaining pending dependent claims depend from these allowable independent claims above and are therefore also allowable.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Claims 1-4, 8-11, 16-19, 23-26, 37-44, 46-48, 50-52 and 74-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 4,900,128 to Lon. The allowable combinations and claim cancellations address these rejections.

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II. The Obvious Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claims 53-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Lorn in view of USPN 6,366,698 to Yamakita. The allowable combinations and claim cancellations address these rejections.

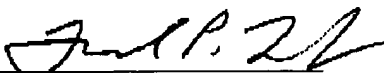
III. Conclusion

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please telephone the undersigned for any reason. Applicants seek to cooperate with the Examiner and to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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